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SUBJECT: US/ISRAEL JOINT ECONOMIC MEETING

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1. ISRAELI MEDIA TREATMENT FORTHCOMING MEETING HAS BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD WITH LITTLE SPECULATION ON ANY DEEPER SIGNIFICANCE. IN PRESS INTERVIEW JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, FINMIN RABINOWITZ WAS ASKED IF US/ISRAEL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WERE NOT GOOD. HE REPLIED QUOTE TRUE, BUT IT WAS ALWAYS ON THE BASIS OF AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AS IT HAPPENS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR TODAY IS HANDICAPPED BY THE WORLD RECESSION, DISCOURAGED BY HARD POLITICAL CONFRONTATIONS IN THE MID EAST, DISTRACTED BY THE ARAB BOYCOTT. IT IS A FORTUNATE COINCIDENCE THEREFORE THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITIES, AT THIS MOMENT, ARE FOR THE FIRST TIME ENTERING INTO THE FRAY, BY UNDERTAKING AT GOVERNMENT LEVEL TO GIVE OFFICIAL SUPPORT TO THOSE ACTIVITIES-- INVESTMENT, TWO-WAY TRADE, THE SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS. UNQUOTE

2. HAARETZ MARGALIT REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT WHILE ISRAEL'S AID REQUEST WAS NOT ON AGENDA, IT WAS ASSUME THAT RABINOWITZ WILL TOUCH UPON THE ISSUE IN COURSE OF HIS TALKS.
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